# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
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INSURANCE SCHEME FOR WEAVERS
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of weavers covered under the various Insurance Schemes during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory wise;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of insurance scheme for weavers;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the number of weavers proposed to be covered in various schemes?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The State-wise number of weavers covered under various Insurance Schemes during the last three years are as under:

1. Group Insurance Scheme

| Name of the State | 2003-04 Weavers covered |
|---|---|
| West Bengal | 7177 |
| Gujarat | 5539 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1202 |
| Karnataka | 30899 |
| Total | 44,813 |

The Group Insurance Scheme was replaced by the Bunkar Bima Yojana in December 2003.

2. New Insurance Scheme

| Name of State | 2003-04 Weavers covered | 2004-05 Weavers covered | 2005-06 Weaver covered |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delhi | - | 441 | 687 |
| Gujarat | 5763 | - | - |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 1511 | - | - |
| Madhya Pradesh | - | - | 929 |
| Rajasthan | 5575 | 4343 | 4690 |
| Total | 12,849 | 4,784 | 6,306 |

3. Bunkar Bima Yojana

| Name of State | 2003-04 Weavers covered | 2004-05 Weavers covered | 2005-06 Weavers covered |
|---|---|---|---|

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|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 8,427 | 66,598 | 51,210 |
| Assam | - | 4,010 | 5,859 |
| Delhi | - | - | 942 |
| Gujarat | - | 2,625 | 2673 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | - | - | 25 |
| Karnataka | 8,077 | 25,013 | 23,645 |
| Kerala | 865 | 911 | 2,145 |
| Madhya Pradesh | - | 3,652 | 2,361 |
| Maharashtra | - | 75 | 55 |
| Orissa | 16,613 | 16,148 | 2,864 |
| Rajasthan | - | 1,077 | 1,183 |
| Tamil Nadu | - | 78,129 | 59 |
| Uttar Pradesh | - | 12,576 | 1,595 |
| Uttaranchal | - | 1,077 | 96 |
| West Bengal | - | 1,708 | - |
| Total | 33,982 | 2,13,599 | 94,712 |

The Bunkar Bima Yojana was modified in 2005-06 and rechristened as Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana

(MGBBY) which was launched on 2nd October 2005.

3. Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana:

| Name of State | 2005-06 Weavers covered |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 14,238 |
| Assam | 3,123 |
| Gujarat | 804 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 3,505 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 366 |
| Karnataka | 4,220 |
| Kerala | 1,711 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,692 |
| Maharashtra | 5,631 |
| Orissa | 20,505 |
| Rajasthan | 2,405 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1,17,724 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 16,016 |
| Uttaranchal | 411 |
| West Bengal | 3,986 |
| Total | 1,96,337 |

5. Health Insurance Scheme was launched on 3rd November 2005. The number of weavers covered under this scheme during 2005-06 are as under:

| Name of State | 2005-06 Weavers covered |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 42,794 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 8 |
| Chattisgarh | 82 |
| Delhi | 215 |
| Gujarat | 528 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 423 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 163 |
| Jharkhand | 11,000 |
| Karnataka | 15,033 |
| Kerala | 5,699 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,175 |
| Maharashtra | 17 |
| Manipur | 81 |
| Orissa | 10,602 |
| Rajasthan | 328 |
| Tamil Nadu | 130,000 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 9,703 |
| Uttaranchal | 3,300 |
| West Bengal | 9,717 |
| Total | 2,40,868 |

(b) Yes, Government of India have been reviewing the implementation of insurance schemes for weavers from time to time.

(c) The Government of India, the State Governments, and the Insurance Companies namely the LIC and the ICICI Lombard have been making efforts to increase the enrollment under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and Health Insurance Scheme. Under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, 298765 weavers have been covered during the period October 2005 to January2007. Under the Health Insurance Scheme 481860 weavers have been covered during the period November 2005 to February 2007

(d) The State Governments, LIC and ICICI Lombard have been requested to increase the coverage of weavers under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and the Health Insurance Scheme.